Title: References made to the passing away of Shri Surti Kistaiya (Member Second Lok Sabha) on 22 October, 1999.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shri Surti Kistaiya.

Shri Surti Kistaiya was a Member of the Second Lok Sabha from 1957 to 1962 representing Bastar Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Kistaiya took keen interest in organising educational and social summer camps, community development projects and National Extension Service Blocks in Bastar district. He also rendered help to research workers of Indian universities and foreigners in anthropological studies.

An active social and political worker, Shri Kistaiya worked relentlessly for the upliftment of the weaker sections of the society, besides rendering relief during national calamities.

Shri Surti Kistaiya passed away on 22 October, 1999 at Bijapur, Madhya Pradesh at the age of 76.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and, I am sure, the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the deceased.

11.01 hrs.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)